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Minutes 08/15/2007

MEETING MINUTES AUGUST 15, 2007

Members Present: Lin Baker, Barbara Cutler, Susan James, Barbara Jones, Kevin O'Brien, Maureen St. Hilaire

Members Absent: Kerrie Fallon

Others Present: Jack Jones, ADA Coordinator
Heidi Hample, Disability Advocate
Janice Dallas, Disability Advocate

Meeting Minutes of June 20, 2007:

Barbara Jones made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of June 20, 2007 with the requested corrections.
SO VOTED

Meeting Minutes of July 18, 2007:

Barbara Jones made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of July 18, 2007.
SO VOTED

Town Day 2007:

Barbara Cutler requested that the Commission brochure be updated and available for Town Day. Barbara said that she would prepare the annual newsletter to be available at Town Day. Barbara also requested that buttons recognizing Arlington's 200th anniversary be available as a promotional item for Town Day.

Kevin O'Brien suggested that brochures about the Community Access Monitor Training be available at Town Day. Kevin said that both space for the Commission has been reserved.

Community Access Monitor Training:

Jack Jones said that the Town Hall Auditorium has been reserved for September 19th and 20th for the CAM Training. Jack said that the Commission would be providing food for the event in addition to printing copies of the AAB Manual. Jack said that the registration fee should cover the expenses incurred for this event by the Commission.

Curb Cut Ramp Project:

Jack Jones said that Kevin O'Brien, Joey Glushko, and Barbara Jones and himself prioritized curb cut ramp work along Broadway and Warren Street for at least the first phase of this project. Priority was given to North Union Street and Broadway, Tufts Street across from the Gibbs School, and at the location of the crosswalk in front of the Sunrise Assisted Living Building in addition to other locations mainly in commercial areas along Warren Street and Broadway. Areas that are residential with competing factors such as utility poles and fire hydrants were given lower priority. Jack Jones said that the Commission would be spending \$75,000 on this project during FY 2008. This amount includes \$25,000 that was carried over from FY2007. Jack Jones said that the Town is estimating that a curb cut ramp with a police detail will cost approximately \$3,700 in addition any requested sidewalk repair was estimated at approximately \$175 per sidewalk pane.

Accessible Pedestrian Signals (APS):

Barbara Jones said that the volume level for the locator and audible signal needs to be increased. Jack Jones said that the locator and signal should be audible 6 to 12 feet from the pushbutton. Jack Jones said that APS should be responsive to ambient noise level changes.

Kevin O'Brien said that the Massachusetts Office on Disability should be involved in monitoring the APS signals along Summer Street were this is a State Highway Project.

Barbara Jones said that as a user of the APS she has requested to be present when Mass Highway adjusts the volume level.

Community Development Update:

No new business was discussed.

Legislative Update:

Barbara Cutler said that she has been researching how many States uses aversive. Barbara said that no other groups of citizens are subject to the use of aversive other than the disabled. Barbara said that the use of aversive is a National problem and that she will be back at the State House this fall to work for the elimination of this practice.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 P.M.